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Attachment to
IAC-D-80/5.1
14 May 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chairman, Intelligence Advisory Committee
FROM : Chairman, Scientific Estimates Committee
SUBJECT : Implementation of Recommendations of
SEC 3-55, Critical Deficiencies in
Biological Warfare Intelligence, 12 April
1955 through 12 April 1956

1. Through an administrative malfunction, the Intelligence Advisory Committee has not taken action on the progress report on the subject submitted by the Scientific Estimates Committee on 14 October 1955 in compliance with IAC action of 12 April 1955, directing "a progress report on the implementation of its SEC 3-55's recommendations in six months" (IAC-M-191, para. 8). The SEC, therefore, with the approval of the Secretary, IAC, has revised the earlier progress report on a one-year basis.

2. General progress is noted in the implementation of subject recommendations during the period of report. The measures taken by member agencies will require time to develop anticipated improvements in BW intelligence.

3. Tab A to SEC 3-55 listed the critical deficiencies in biological warfare intelligence. In general, the list is still accurate, and we find only limited gains in the level of our knowledge of Soviet biological warfare capabilities. The SEC is now revising its original study on "Soviet Biological Warfare Capabilities through 1960" (SEC 2-54) for publication during the current fiscal year. The SEC will thereafter undertake a revision of the list of critical deficiencies in BW intelligence.

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4. The measures taken by IAC member agencies to enhance collection responsibilities in accordance with each of the recommendations of SEC 3-55 are summarized below:



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